



**Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting
April 7, 2021**

Commissioners Present: Corey Holman, Alison Horn, Kirsten Oldenburg (chairing), Brian Ready, and Gerald Sroufe.

Resident Members Present: *Kevin Moriarty (6B02), Brian Kirrane (6B03)*¹, John Manley (6B04), Stefan Katz (6B07), Carol Grissom (6B08) and John Ten Hoeve (6B09)

PA Avenue Streetlights & Traffic Signals Upgrade Project, Construction details

Abdullahi Mohamed, DDOT Project Manager, presented details of the construction plans for upgrading all streetlights and traffic signals along Pennsylvania Avenue SE between 2nd Street SE and 14th Street SE.

Capitol Paving will be conducting the construction. While some work is already underway, the actual physical portion will not begin until the end of April and will take about 18 months to complete (September 2022). Construction will be block by block on both sides of the Avenue; each block will take about 45 days to complete. Curbside parking will not be allowed in a block under construction but two traffic lanes in each direction will be maintained. Construction hours are 930am to 330pm (??) and blocks will be opened up to 3 travel lanes during non-construction hours.

These and other details are at <https://www.pennavesestreetlights.com/> where the project will post weekly updates. The Pennsylvania Avenue SE Corridor Study, which is designing a bike and a bus lane, will follow this project.

Mr. Mohamed responded to most questions posed but was unable to fully answer detailed ones regarding the traffic signals. The May 5 TC meeting will include a DDOT traffic signal expert.

2020 I-695 Ramp Traffic Study Update, Bike/Pedestrian details

Ravindra Ganvir, DDOT project manager, and Jon Whitney, contractor, with Michael Alvino and Derek Voight, DDOT, presented an update on plans for a 2-track bike lane and pedestrian safety improvements along 11th Street SE between I and N Streets SE. These measures are part of a project to reduce vehicle accidents along the D-4 Ramp and install a bike/ped path to extend the existing Virginia Avenue bike path from 9th Street to 11th Street through Virginia Avenue Park.

¹ Not clear whether either RM in italics was at the meeting.

Most of the comments/questions from the Committee and meeting participants involved requests for major enhancements of the proposed bike track, it's extension to Pennsylvania Avenue, and pedestrian safety proposals with reduction of complications for both modes at I and M Street SE intersections. DDOT responses did not meet the perspectives of many participants. In addition, while the study has focused on safety of bicyclists and pedestrians v.v. vehicles, it has not considered ways to slow down the vehicle traffic throughout the project area.

One motion by Commissioner Oldenburg was verbally dismissed by members as inadequate. The Committee then voted unanimously to recommend the full ANC consider a motion on the study to be drafted by members for presentation at the April 14 ANC meeting.

Discussion on the Baltimore/DC Maglev DEIS

Stefan Katz, Resident Member 6B09 and Jerry Sroufe, Commissioner 6B02, had established an informal group working on this topic. They have concluded that we need say nothing at this time because the plans do not directly impact our ANC and because it is early in the planning process.